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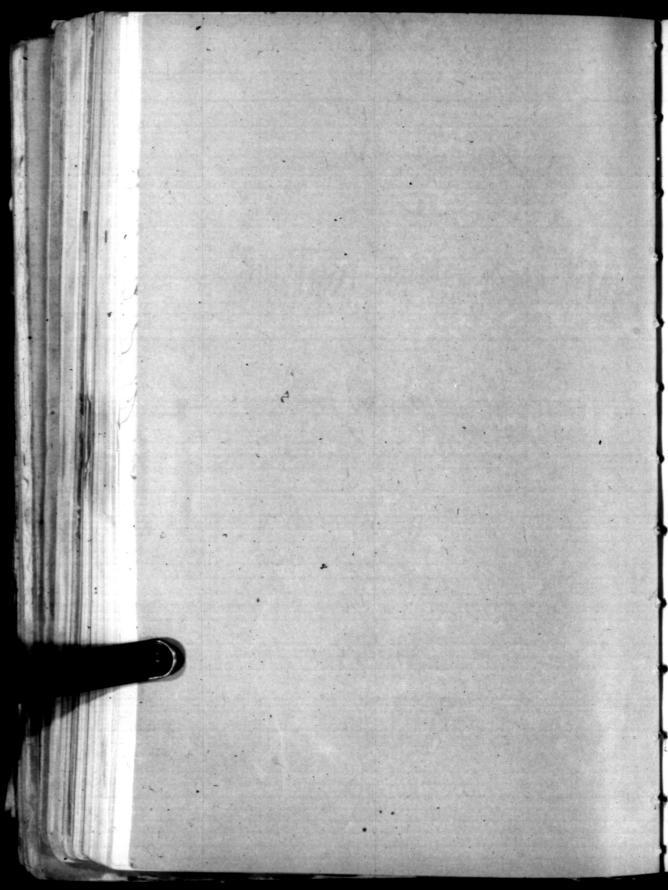
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## Pearl River Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY-MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 11th, 1880.

The Pearl River Baptist Association convened this day with the church at Silver Creek, Lawrence county, Mississippi.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder H. M. Long, from Isaiah, 53d chapter, and 12th verse: "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong."

After an intermission, the delegates convened in the house, sung a hymn, and prayer was offered by Elder T. J. Walne.

The Association was called to order by Elder R. R. Turnage, the former Moderator.

Elder H. M. Long and Bro. C. R. Dale, were appointed Reading Clerks.

The letters from the churches were read, and the names of the delegates were enrolled, and state of the churches entered on the minutes.

Elders W. J. Fortenberry, and R. J. Boone, were appointed to preach at the stand.

Brethren I. M. Fortenberry, and S. E. Bass, were appointed a committee on Finance.

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The Association then proceeded to ballot for Officers, Brethren C. R. Dale and J. W. Cox, acting as tellers.

Elder R. R. Turnage, was chosen Moderator; I. M. Fortenberry, Treasurer; and W. J. Armstrong, Clerk.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

Received Correspondence from sister Associations as follows:

From Fair River—A letter and minute by her messengers Elders J. M. Ritchey, S. W. Dale, G. H. Barrett, and Bro. M. Tyler.

From Bogue Chitto—A letter and a package of minutes by her messengers, Elders B. A. Crawford, R. J. Boone, W. J. Fortenberry and Bro. S. C. Walker.

From Ebenezer—A letter and package of minutes by her messenger, Elder O. Lynes.

From Hobolochitto-No letter; a package of minutes by her messengers, Elders T. J. Price, and T. D. Bush.

From West Pearl River-A letter; no messengers or minutes.

From Strong River—A letter and minutes by her messengers, Elders J. A. Scarborough, R. W. Hall, and Brethren A. T. Longino, G. W. Ross, T. J. Murray, J. Bush, R. Drummond, R. Walker, and A. H. Dale.

Elder T. J. Walne, was received as messenger from the Baptist State Convention.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

To the Fair River—Elders J. L. Chandler, R. R. Turnage, and Brethren Z. P. Jones, S. Ross, J. F. Armstrong, J. H. Wallace, were appointed as our messengers.

To the Bogue Chitto-Brethren W. W. Pope, and J. I. Hill as our messengers.

To the Ebenezer—Brethren J. W. Cox, W. W. McDonald, Z. T. Doughdrill, and J. S. Carter, as our messengers.

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To the Hobolochitto-Elder T. D. Bush as our messenger.

To the West Pearl River-Brother W. V. Jones as our

To the Strong River—Elder T. D. Bush, and Brethren Wm. Waller, T. J. Farmer, and J. F. Armstrong, as our messengers.

To the Baptist State Convention—Elders R. R. Turnage, T. D. Bush, and Brethren C. R. Dale, and W. J. Armstrong, as our messengers.

Committees were appointed, as follows:

On Preaching—Brethren W. M. Robertson, A. Sharp and Wm. Clark.

On Sunday-Schools—Elder T. D. Bush, and Brethren B. S. Watts and C. Powell.

On Home Missions—Brethren G. W. Mikell, William Waller and Jesse S. Carter.

On Temperance—Brethren J. W. Cox, W. W. Pope, and Elders R. J. Boone, and H. M. Long.

On Foreign Missions—Elders H. M. Long, T. J. Walne, and Bro. C. R. Dale.

On Abstracts—Brethren J. D. Burkett, T. J. Farmer, and Elder R. W. Hall.

On Obituaries—Elders J. M. Ritchey, B. A. Crawford, and Brother W. J. Armstrong.

On Religious Literature—Brethren R. Drummond, W. M. Robertson, and J. M. Gatlin.

On Ministerial Education—Elders T. J. Walne, J. A. Scarborough, and T. D. Bush.

On Mississippi College—Elders R. W. Hall, S. W. Dale, and Brother S. Ross.

To Draft Corresponding Letter-Brethren J. A. Bass. C. R. Dale, and Eld. J. M. Ritchey.

The Committee on Preaching made the following partial report which was adopted: That Elder T. J. Walne preach at 11

o'clock A. M., Sunday; one hour intermission, and Elder B. A. Crawford preach in the afternoon and close the services.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., Monday morning; prayer by Elder R. W. Hall.

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### SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 11 o'clock, the services began by singing; Elder T. J. Walne, preached from Romans, 1st. chapter and 16th verse. "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." After which a collection was taken up from the congregation for State Missions, amounting to \$32 00.

After an hour's intermission, the congregation again assembled at the stand, and Elder B. A. Crawford preached and closed the services.

The congregation was large and most attentive. The weather was somewhat unpleasant from passing showers.

We trust that many of the congregation were divinely blessed, and the Redeemer's Kingdom advanced.

### SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY September 13, 1880.

Met according to adjournment; prayer by Elder J. L. Chandler.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

By request of the Moderator, the rules of order were read. Leave of absence was granted to Bro. H. P. Pittman. Reports of committees were received and adopted as follows:

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We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, beg leave to report as follows: That we appoint R. W. Hall to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock, A/M; half hour intermission. Then Elder T. D. Bush to preach and close the services. Elder T.D. Bush be appointed to preach the next Introductory, and Elder J. L. Chandler, alternate.

Respectfully submitted, W. M. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

### On Ministerial Education.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: The advancement in the arts and sciences, and the consequent enlightenment of the masses of the people, make it highly desirable that our ministers as far as possible should be educated men, able to present and defend the purity and truth of the gospel, against all the isms and errors of infidelity in this alarmingly skeptical age.

The young ministers in our midst are to be our future teachers and leaders, and in order that they may be able to rightly divide the truth and preserve the simplicity and purity of the faith, and acceptably preach the gospel they must be taught; therefore,

Resolved, That we request the ministers of this Association to bring this matter before their respective churches, and raise as large a contribution for that purpose as possible to be forwarded to this body at its next annual session, to be disposed of by it in such a manner as it may judge best to forward this great end.

Respectfully submitted, T. J. WALNE, Chairman.

### On Mississippi College.

Your Committee respectfully report that the importance of an institution of learning of its character and attainments had long been experienced by the Baptist denomination of this State; prior to its establishment, and only within the last few years, has its usefulness been so apparent, when we have witnessed the prominence it has given our denomination throughout the State in establishing our clergymen to successfully refute the errors and superstitious notions of the infidel, and pedobaptist world, and set forth the true Bible doctrine and the

primitive practices of the church of Christ as to convince the judgment of the intelligent mind that the Baptist Church was the church of Christ, and that her tenets were worthy the consideration of the most refined portion of the human race. These truths were known before, but not so generally circulated from the spareness of the number who had possession of them and often from their want of aptitude to communicate them to others through want of sufficient literary training which has to a great extent, been largely supplied by this institution in our State, and as it were at our door; therefore, it demands our cordial and pecuniary support and endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. HALL, Chairman.

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### On Temperance

For the salvation of our children and our neighbors and their children from a drunkard's doom, for the weal of our country, and for the spiritual prosperity of Zion, we should use every legitimate means within our reach for the suppression of the soul destroying vice of intemperance. To this end we should give our unqualified endorsement by word, and, indeed to the temperance cause, for it is assuredly and in every way worthy of the hearty support not only of every lover of Jesus but of every lover of country in our land; and the leaders of the grand temperance movement in America should receive our earnest co-operation. In consideration of these measures your committee would most earnestly recommend to the churches composing this body the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions, to-wit:

WHEREAS, The use of ardent spirits as a beverage is highly detrimental to the moral and religious interests of our land; and.

WHEREAS, We believe it to be our duty to exert all our influence against the liquor traffic; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of this church, do hereby bind ourselves to give no countenance to the sale of intoxicating spirits except for medical purposes.

Resolved, That any member of this church who shall engage in the act of selling ardent spirits or who shall be known to give away any at public gatherings, or who shall patronize a liquor saloon as such, shall be considered as guilty of a misdemeanor and disciplined accordingly. Your committee would further recommend that the pastors of the churches, in this

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Respectfully submitted,

J. W. COX, Chairman.

### On Foreign Missions.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following re-That while we would not detract anything that may be done or said in behalf of Home Missions, yet we would that we had the power to show forth in its proper light the grave charge that we are under, and solemn duty that we owe to the heathen that are in a distant land, while we believe the Mission work to be the great instrumentality in the hand of God in evangelizing the entire world, and while there are many efforts that have been, and are still being made, yet much of the world to-day is still in spiritual darkness, and while we recognize this state of affairs we do at the same time realize that this is the grandest and most glorious work ever entrusted to man, and in view of its prosecution and accomplishment your committee would recommend that each pastor in this Association keep the question of Foreign Missions constantly before each of his respective churches until it awakens that interest,) and begets that share of attention that it demands on account of its vast importance,

Respectfully submitted, H. M. LONG, Chairman.

After adoption of the above report, taken up a collection from the delegates and congregation for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$71 45, and received from Elder T. D. Bush, \$33 05 collected by him from his Mission field of labor for Foreign Missions.

### On Abstracts.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following:

Antioch—Reports peace; have one Sunday-school. R. J. Boone is her pastor.

Bethany—Reports a prosperous condition; have two Sunday-schools and have had ten additions by baptism. A. A. Lomax is her pastor.

Bethel, (Lawrence)—Reports peace; have had two additions by baptism. J. L. Chandler is her pastor.

Bethel, (Covington)—Reports peace. B. H. Martin is her pastor.

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Cedar Grove—Reports peace and prosperity; have had three additions by baptism. R. R. Turnage is her pastor.

Crooked Creek—Reports peace and in a prosperous and happy condition; have had sixteen additions by baptism. Thos. Price is her pastor.

Ebenezer—Reports peace and prosperity; six additions by baptism. R. R. Turnage is her pastor.

Friendship—Reports peace; have had two additions by baptism. J. L. Chandler is her pastor.

Hepzibah—Reports peace and prosperity; have had one addition by baptism. R. R. Turnage is her pastor.

Holly Springs—Reports peace and in a cheering condition and have had one addition by baptism. T. D. Bush is her pastor.

Little Bahala—Reports a prosperous state; have had some cheering and warm meetings; have had twenty-four additions by baptism. R. D. Middleton is her pastor.

Magee's Creek—Reports a lukewarm state, though have had two additions by baptism. J. L. Chandler is her pastor.

New Hope—Reports peace; have had four additions by baptism. R. R. Turnage is her pastor.

Silver Creek—Reports peace and prosperity; have had six additions by baptism. H. M. Long is her pastor.

Society Hill—Reports a general revival, and have been made to rejoice over the conversion of many precious souls; have had forty-five additions by baptism. J. E. Pounds is her pastor.

White Sand—Reports a precious revival and have had five additions by baptism. H. M. Long is her pastor.

### On Home Missions

Your Committee on Home or State Missions, submit the following report: We congratulate the Association upon the evident revival of the Missionary spirit among our churches. From the reading of the letters, we notice the gratifying fact that every church in the Association, save one, had sent up contributions for Home Missions. Such a thing as this has not occurred in this Association for many long years, and we hail

this as a most favorable omen for the future prosperity of our churches. God has given us the gospel, and has commanded us to give that gospel to others, and unless we do this, we have no assurance of his continuing presence with us, and his blessings upon us.

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Your Committee would also gratefully recognize the increasing prosperity of the work of our State Mission Board with which this Association is co-operating in Mission work. The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of our State Mission Board. The following summary shows the work of the Board for the year ending July 1, 1880:

Number of Missionaries, 25; miles traveled, 31,000; stations occupied, 50; sermons preached, 800; persons baptized, 300; received by letter, 165; churches constituted, 5: Sunday-schools organized, 8; subscribers for the *Baptist Record*, 212; amount of money collected, \$6,620 04; houses of worship built, 2; houses of worship repaired, 2.

One of these twenty-five missionaries is our Bro. T. D. Bush, whose appointment was asked by the Board of this Association. From his report, you will see that he has accomplished a good work, and that the field to which he was appointed has been fully occupied, churches have been planted wherever it was practicable to do so. All these churches except one have called pastors, and the missionary retires from the field, and now proposes to attend school at Mississippi College. The State Mission Board has paid Bro. Bush two dollars per day for the time actually employed. His salary has been paid up to April 1, 1880, and the Board is now prepared to settle up in full with him up to Sept. 1, at which time his labors as missionary closed.

In conclusion, your Committee would impress upon the Association, the importance of the great missionary field of the State Mission Board. The destitution is very great and much of that destitution is in the fairest and most promising of our State. Population is crowding into the great Mississippi bottom. The lands are wonderfully fertile. Hundreds of our young men are going there, perhaps at no distant day that country will be the most densley populated of any portion of our State. It is a fearfully wicked country; whiskey drinking, gambling and Sabbath desceration are the prevailing sins, nothing except the gospel of Christ can prevent that country from becoming a Sodom indeed, and the question is, shall they have the gospel, will we help the Board to send them the gos-

pel? Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the State Mission Board is entitled to the confidence, sympathy and hearty co-operation of this Association, and we hereby pledge the same to that Board.

That we urge all our churches to make liberal contributions to the Board.

3. That the Board of this Association is hereby instructed to turn over all funds coming into their hands for Home Missions to the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. MIKELL, Chairman. pr

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### On Sunday-schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools, beg leave to report the following: The utility of Sunday-schools in imparting to our children a knowledge of the scriptures, and of early impressing their minds with the worth of the immortal soul, and of early leading them to repentance towards God, and faith in Jesus Christ, is a question placed beyond all doubt, and yet with these facts before us, it is astonishing to witness the negligence and lethargy that prevails among our churches upon this subject.

We cannot convert the souls of the rising generation nor can we raise them up in the church, but we must sow the seeds of truth and righteousness in the minds of our children or else be remiss in our duty to them, to God, and to His cause, for which a fearful responsibility rests upon us.

Can we better discharge our duty in this respect, manifest our willingness to aid, and encourage them, and also each other in the study of the true word of God, which under his blessings is able to make us wise unto salvation, than in the Sunday-school.

Believing that the Sunday-school well attended by both old and young and properly conducted, is second only to the living ministry in the dissemination of gospel truth, and the doctrines of the church, we would recommend, yea urge that every effort and every reasonable sacrifice be made to organize and maintain a school in every church, let all attend, using the Bible as the great text book, and in its study using only Baptist Sunday-school books and papers, we know these things, happy will we be if we do them.

Respectfully submitted, T. D. BUSH, Chairman. e follow-

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### On Religious Literature.

Your Committee would beg leave to submit the following: We recommend to the membership of this Association the propriety of supplying themselves with a pure religious literature. Our country at the present time abounds in religious books, papers and tracts, which are within the reach of all who desire to read them. If our brethren desire to keep themselves informed as to what Baptists are doing within our own State and Eastern Louisiana we would recommend them to take the Baptist Record, and if they desire to know what the denomination is doing in foreign lands, we would recommend that they take the Foreign Mission Journal.

• We would urge it upon our membership to read religious literature and as there is a great deal of religious literature, (so-called,) that is entirely worthless, we would urge it upon our older brethren who are competent to judge, to examine and recommend to younger christians such literature as they deem sound and pure.

Respectfully submitted.
R. DRUMMOND, Chairman.

### On Obituaries.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report: That, whereas, It has pleased God, during the past Associational year, to remove from our midst our beloved brethren, to-wit: Brother T. J. White, a member of Society Hill Church, who departed this life rejoicing in the faith; Brother William Robbins, also a member of Society Hill Church, who died as he had lived; Brother Hosea Davis, a member of New Hope Church, brother Davis has long been a member of this Association, met with it in many meetings, he lived to a ripe old age, and for many years a devoted christian, and sister E. J. Bullock, a member of New Hope Church, has crossed over the river and gone to reap her reward; sister—Mary Culpeper, a member of Society Hill Church, is no more.

Brethren, we mourn the loss of these dear brethren and sisters, but we urge submission to the divine will, and we would recommend that this Association tender her heart-felt sympathy to the families and relatives of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. RITCHEY, Chairman.

### On Finance.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct and fully sustained by vouchers, whereupon, the Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

On motion, the Executive committee of this Association be and the same is hereby discontinued.

On motion, the Treasurer of this Association is hereby authorized to turn over all funds now in his hands for Home and State Missions to Elder T. J. Walne, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Board.

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On motion the Treasurer of this Association is hereby authorized to forward all funds now in his hands for Foreign Missions to brother B. H. Whitfield, Clinton, Miss.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of this Association, and that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services, and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for money to defray the necessary expenses.

On motion, took the vote relative to the place of holding the next meeting of the Association, which resulted in favor of Magee's Creek Church, Pike county, Mississippi.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby tendered to the members of Silver Creek church, and to the friends of this community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church at Magee's Creek, Pike county, Mississippi, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1881.

A hymn was sung while the parting hand was extended, Elder Thomas Price led in the closing prayer, and the Association was dismissed.

R. R. TURNAGE, Moderator.

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### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Pearl River Baptist Association,

To the Bodies with whom she Corresponds:

DEAR BRETHREN: Preserved by a kind providence during another year, we have been brought together in our Sixty-first Annual meeting, with the Silver Creek Church, Lawrence county, Mississippi.

At this meeting all of our churches were represented, save one, and the blessings of God have been abundantly enjoyed by the churches during the past Associational year, the number of deaths have been but few, and many greatly revived. The number of baptisms being 137. Working in co-operation with the State Board, we are doing more effectual missionary work. We mark with pleasure, also increased interest in the subject of Ministerial Education. We hope to enjoy continued correspondence with you. With gratitude to God for His blessings in the past, and praying his favorable direction in the future, we are,

Your brethren in Christ, R. R. TURNAGE, Moderator.

W. J. Armstrong, Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

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